

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1950.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st March, 1950, was estimated to be 552,030, comprising 283,652 Males and 268,378 Females.

On the 31st December, 1949, the population of the Metropolitan Area was estimated at 294,000.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

		<u>JULY</u>		<u>7 Months ended JULY</u>	
		<u>1950</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1949</u>
Marriages	Number	346	301	3,171	2,891
	* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	7.30	6.64	9.89	9.41
Births	Number	1,215	1,075	8,028	7,655
	* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	25.64	23.71	25.04	24.93
Deaths	Number	446	453	2,794	2,716
	* Rate per 1000 of Popln.	9.41	9.99	8.71	8.84
Infant	Number	33	31	235	211
Mortality	Rate per 1000 Live Births	27.16	28.84	29.27	27.56
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>					
Tuberculosis		15	18	84	81
Cancer		44	69	388	387
Influenza		2	2	9	9
Diphtheria		1	-	2	3
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.		46	53	283	258
Arteriosclerosis		11	10	68	87
Diseases of the Heart		150	128	828	792
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia		9	17	85	157
Diarrhoea and Enteritis		5	1	33	22
Nephritis		12	19	58	99
Diseases of Early Infancy		23	21	147	120
Senility		1	9	24	50
Accidents		38	41	241	185
All Other Causes		89	65	544	466
<u>TOTAL</u>		446	453	2,794	2,716

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

/ Deaths under one year.

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LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the eight months ended August, totalled 676,677 acres, an increase of 240,778 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,567,819 acres, a decrease of 224,845 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of AUGUST		2 Months ended AUGUST	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
	£	£	£	£
Revenue	1,961,732	1,642,680	3,904,097	3,144,191
Revenue per Head of Popln.	£3.10.1d.	£3. 1. 3d.	£6.19.10d.	£5.17.6d.
Expenditure	2,263,098	1,940,805	4,311,267	3,605,415
Expenditure per Head of Popln.	£4. 0.11d.	£3.12. 4d.	£7.14. 5d.	£6.14.9d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 31st August amounted to £39,651,795 or £70.16.2d. per head of population as against £37,901,704 or £70.9.8d. per head as at the 31st August last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearance for the 5 weeks ended 30th August, 1950, amounted to £7,082,834 compared with £5,524,586 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles & Deeds		AUGUST		2 Months ended AUGUST	
		1950	1949	1950	1949
Transfers	No.	2,214	1,816	4,320	3,444
	£	2,200,838	1,180,030	4,571,879	2,162,118
Mortgages	No.	1,690	1,101	3,249	2,014
	£	2,162,782	1,559,665	4,502,620	2,597,893
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,065	931	2,094	1,751

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Period	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£	£	£	£
Two Months ended August, 1949.	3,222,892	2,084,365	8,036,479	359,501
Two Months ended August, 1950.	4,618,749	3,134,906	8,754,449	424,343
Month of August, 1949	1,522,703	1,041,297	3,847,677	182,528
Month of August, 1950	2,404,647	1,570,381	4,337,475	213,712

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

27 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £1,057,000 and 9 Foreign Companies were registered during the two months ended August, 1950. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 22 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £518,000 and 14 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	Two Months ended AUGUST					
	1950			1949		
	No.	Liabilities £	Assets £	No.	Liabilities £	Assets £
Sequestration Orders	8	20,980	8,030	2	1,441	294
Deeds of Assignment (a)	3	12,197	16,018	7	16,475	11,574
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for general and passenger traffic, were as follows:-

		JULY		12 Months ended JUNE	
		1950	1949	1950	1949
Gross Earnings (a)	£	539,900	314,900	6,472,049	5,214,844
Working Expenses (a)	£	637,208	574,049	7,501,395	6,702,254
Train Miles Run	No.	591,838	365,234	6,733,141	7,036,521
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b) 120,464	85,362	1,328,699	989,608
Passenger Journeys -					
Train	No.	844,149	713,206	11,188,113	12,623,659
Motor Bus	No.	35,015	35,048	483,542	355,439
Tonnage Carried -					
Paying Goods		245,541	146,767	2,696,399	2,573,964
Livestock		10,170	7,441	146,893	162,756
Departmental (Free Freight)		70,615	27,514	801,390	592,360
Total		326,326	181,722	3,644,682	3,329,080
Net Ton Mileage of -					
Paying Goods		38,445,924	20,633,858	408,232,387	373,178,760
Livestock		1,453,728	1,289,445	18,126,345	20,345,995
Departmental (Free Freight)		8,589,301	4,646,263	100,714,450	89,910,286
Total		48,488,953	26,569,566	527,073,182	483,435,041

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Period covered - 4 weeks ended 29th July.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES).

Period	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
Year 1948	2,083	726	63	824	4,036	2,483	114	1,376
Year 1949	3,250	1,141	79	1,160	6,592	3,722	156	2,120
1950 -								
January	312	58	-	105	696	218	7	214
February	394	122	2	109	814	394	6	199
March	390	173	1	112	827	510	9	242
April	422	114	7	94	817	381	12	215
May	477	149	8	104	933	430	15	190
June	333	142	14	72	591	271	17	116
July	354	137	6	72	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)*

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1948 -								
June	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
December	23,389	11,081	335	6,063	37,820	36,453	572	9,622
1949 -								
June (a)	24,259	11,330	364	6,729	39,989	37,680	648	10,972
December (a)	26,245	11,989	402	7,286	43,981	40,412	781	11,740
1950 -								
January (a)	26,593	12,100	427	7,393	43,462	38,058	764	11,679
February (a)	26,934	12,186	426	7,479	44,873	39,625	786	12,048
March(a)	27,265	12,314	427	7,569	45,923	40,661	802	12,352
April(a)	27,631	12,373	424	7,628	46,523	40,584	794	12,552
May (a)	27,953	12,420	427	7,641	47,534	41,292	805	12,734
June (a)	28,529	12,530	443	7,707	48,485	41,688	826	12,890
July	29,461	12,631	445	7,848	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

(a) Revised. (b) Not available.

* Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for July, 1950, 149 Cars; 698 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 10 Buses and 7 Motor Cycles.

TRADE* (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, July, 1950 and 1949 and 12 months ending June, 1950 and 1949, expressed in terms of Australian Currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	JULY		12 Months ended JUNE		JULY		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
Oversea	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000
Interstate	3,028	1,572	34,422	22,038	3,519	3,455	55,532	50,819
Total	3,070	2,596	35,022	30,591	458	399	6,288	4,775
	6,098	4,168	69,444	52,629	3,977	3,854	61,820	55,594

* Figures are preliminary and subject to revision.

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
<u>1950 -</u>										
Mar. Qr.	200	179	557	764	10	58	66	124	833	1,125
June Qr.	281	267	787	1,088	8	46	92	106	1,168	1,507

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
<u>1950 -</u>										
Mar. Qr.	294	465	51	43	375	402	7	6	727	916
June Qr.	408	659	86	76	499	547	13	12	1,006	1,294

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

1,379,105 lbs. were produced during July, 1950 and 15,010,843 lbs. for the twelve months ended June, 1950, as against 1,482,986 and 15,581,226 lbs. respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1949.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	AUGUST		8 Months ended AUGUST	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Quantity ... Fine Ozs.	52,257	54,326	397,079	432,970
Value (Aust. Currency) £	809,554	584,687	6,162,609	4,659,833

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the eight months ended August, 1950, amounted to £589,171. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1949 amounted to £324,875.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series : Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

Town	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series).			
	AUGUST		8 Months ended AUGUST		JUNE QUARTER		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
Metropolitan Area	1579	1464	1548	1413	1517	1406	1473	1336
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1708	1593	1681	1553	1616	1498	1564	1434
Northam	1597	1483	1570	1434	1532	1419	1485	1344
Bunbury	1585	1467	1551	1422	1532	1421	1488	1350
Geraldton	1621	1494	1590	1449	1590	1472	1538	1403
Collie	1596	1486	1558	1436	1454	1353	1411	1287

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	1949			1950		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	111,653	36,839	148,492	117,756	38,819	156,575
February	110,931	37,417	148,348	118,064	39,050	157,114
March	112,063	37,770	149,833	119,009	39,708	158,717
April	112,671	37,887	150,558	119,440	39,726	159,166
May	112,777	37,782	150,559	120,616	39,755	160,371
June	113,010	37,928	150,938	120,479	39,952	160,431
July	111,190	37,991	149,181	120,412	39,753	160,165
August	113,003	38,098	151,101			
September	113,933	38,358	152,291			
October	114,603	38,649	153,252			
November	116,102	39,143	155,245			
December	117,493	39,684	157,177			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1946	1947	1948	1949(a)	1950(a)	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
January	145	162	171	179	199	995	1134	1233	1354	1410
February	148	164	172	182	196	1016	1138	1249	1358	1387
March	151	166	176	186	198	1045	1145	1264	1371	1415
April	153	167	176	187	199	1051	1144	1264	1377	1415
May	154	168	177	187	201	1069	1151	1277	1354	1418
June	154	167	177	187	201	1087	1153	1277	1362	1429
July	157	167	177	182	200	1096	1168	1301	1381	1423
August	159	167	179	187		1109	1181	1294	1377	
September	160	168	180	191		1114	1172	1302	1365	
October	161	168	180	191		1118	1184	1318	1375	
November	158	169	182	192		1133	1215	1349	1402	
December	163	170	182	193		1165	1267	1385	1470	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1949 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician).

	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit end of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1949 -</u>									
January	112	6	118	98	3	101	116	5	121
February	72	3	75	78	5	83	110	3	113
March	50	-	50	62	2	64	98	1	99
April	57	5	62	72	2	74	83	4	87
May	37	3	40	33	3	36	87	4	91
June	57	7	64	44	4	48	100	7	107
July	4,645	665	5,310	4,371	643	5,014	374	29	403
August	104	9	113	195	19	214	283	19	302
September	67	2	69	102	7	109	248	14	262
October	67	12	79	82	7	89	233	19	252
November	34	7	41	43	4	47	224	22	246
December	38	3	41	25	2	27	237	23	260
<u>1950 -</u>									
January	69	3	72	146	8	154	160	18	178
February	46	7	53	56	5	61	150	20	170
March	36	5	41	49	5	54	137	20	157
April	45	10	55	86	10	96	96	20	116

STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
31st July, 1950	7. 3. 6.	3. 17. 6.	7. 3. 3.	3. 17. 4.	7. 11. 6.	4. 1. 10.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

	AUGUST		2 Months ended AUGUST	
	1950	1949	1950	1949
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	21,883	21,180	43,773	30,434
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	20,043	19,395	40,158	27,730

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
August, 1950	16,188	556	47,242	6,734
August, 1949	13,451	584	41,010	8,932
8 Months ended August, 1950.	86,909	3,290	405,258	60,905
8 Months ended August, 1949.	77,425	3,304	429,410	70,943

